MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the students sent by the Government pay it?

PRESIDENT: In some cases the students pay it; where the student is particularly qualified as in the case of the backward communities the Government show a concession.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know who decides as to whether the students should pay or not?

PRESIDENT: Government. All these cases are referred to the Government by the Surgeon-General and the Government decide in which all cases the students should pay or whether the special circumstances of the student are such that the Government should pay. But as a matter of fact, during the last two years, as there was a large number of students who were willing to pay, there was no case of Government paying any amount.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Is it not making a costly profession more costly?

DR. S. JOHN: If they want to study, they should pay.

Tuberculosis Hospital at Nagercoil.

446. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beds provided for in the Tuberculosis Hospital at Nagercoil;

(b) the number of applicants for beds in 1120 and in 1121 and the number admitted in those years;

(c) what diet is given to the patients; and

(d) whether the Government have sought the advice of the Government of India's Adviser on Tuberculosis with a view to developing the Nagercoil Tuberculosis Hospital on up-to-date lines?

DR. S. JOHN: *(a)* The total number of beds provided for is 184.

		1120.	1121.	First 11 months.
(b) Number of applicants	...	107		508
Number admitted	...	256		432

(c) The scale of diets specially sanctioned by Government for the Tuberculosis Hospital, is given below:

8 A. M. Full Conjee (with rice 10 oz.) Curry (Black gram and green peas 1 oz.) Pappadoms (2).

10 A. M. Milk 6 oz. Eggs 2.

12 Noon Full diet (rice 10 oz.) Sambhar, with Dhall 2 oz. and Vegetables) Vegetable Thuvaran. Mutton curry (½ oz. ghee for those who are vegetarians in place of mutton.)
Pappadoms 2 each and Curds diluted.

2 P. M. Mutton soup (Mutton not to exceed 2 oz.)

4 P. M. Bread 2 oz. Plantain fruits 2, Black Coffee.

7 P. M. Full conjee (with rice 10 oz. Curry with yams etc. Pappadoms 2.)

9 P. M. Ragi or Rolong 2 oz. with milk 4 oz.

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The above diets are being given as a rule to all the patients generally. But changes are made by the Medical Superintendent according to individual requirements as and when found necessary.

(d) Yes.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: When there are only 107 beds, may I know how 256 patients were admitted?

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, they were put on the floor.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it is advisable to ask them to lie on the floor?

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, ever so many patients are coming from all over Travancore and from outside and nothing more is possible with the 80 beds which are the only fully equipped ones in the hospital. Now buildings for 100 beds have been constructed, but they are not fully equipped. Even water supply arrangements have not been completed. However, in order that these people may not be refused, we admit them.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the member is aware that a good number of our people go to Madanapally for treatment of tuberculosis?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not see that very many people go outside.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: When you admit that out of the 508 applicants only 432 are admitted into the hospital, don't you think that a good number goes outside to places like Madanapally?

DR. S. JOHN: Likely.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Has the member made any enquiry regarding the number of people who go outside? May I know whether any survey has been taken?

DR. S. JOHN: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Without taking any survey how can the member say that nobody is going to Madanapally?

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, it is not my business to see how many people go outside the State for various treatments. Some people go to Madras, some to Tambaram, others to Chidambaram. How am I to know all that?

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Is he not in charge of the department dealing with the health of the people?

PRESIDENT: It is clear from the recent report of the tuberculosis department of Madras that they are able to supply only one sixth of the T. B. patients who resort to them, with beds. Naturally, we are getting a tremendous number of cases which we are unable to deal with. But the honourable member will remember that a big expansion of the T. B. hospital has been ordered and I expect that in the course of a year or two, there will be a hundred beds more. But even then it will be able to deal only with one tenth of the demands of the Travancore people. Again, that will cost Government more than five lakhs.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS: When a number of people go to Madanapally where there is a Sanatorium, and when that Sanatorium looks to the need of the people of Travancore as well, is it not our duty to help that institution ?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not see why we should. We have got a sanatorium where we are spending a lot.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Are there not several people from Madras in the tuberculosis hospital at Nagercoil ?

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Why should they be admitted when there are our people who find it difficult to get admission there ?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member the Surgeon-General is aware that the same question about tuberculosis patients was put on the floor of the House last year and that the Government have assured to make a survey in regard to the matter ?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what action has been taken ?

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, it requires time for all these works--an X-Ray unit with mobile control for Mass Radiography. When it comes, the survey will be conducted.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether liver extract is supplied to the hospital at Government cost ?

DR. S. JOHN: Certainly.

MR M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know whether water-supply arrangements have been made in the T. B. hospital ?

DR. S. JOHN: ഇതുപ്രകാരം ഉള്ള പ്രൊപ്പോസൽസിന്മേൽ എല്ലാം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether four wards were completed in 1120 Edavom ?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Are patients admitted in those wards ?

DR. S. JOHN: No.

MR. A. P UDAYABHANU: May I know the reason ?

DR. S JOHN: Furniture and other equipment have not come, water-supply is not satisfactory, and so people could not be admitted there.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether 48 persons were accommodated in a ward where there is provision only for 18 beds ?

DR. S. JOHN: It cannot be helped. In all the hospitals, where there are only a limited number of beds and the onrush is great, we have to accommodate them somehow. We cannot refuse to admit any patient.

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MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Is it so overcrowded like the transport bus?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

Poonjar bi-weekly dispensary.

447. *MR. P. S GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public of Poonjar about the present unserviceable nature of the bi-weekly dispensary and the urgency of establishing a permanent dispensary; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether any steps have been taken for establishing a permanent dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of making it a permanent daily dispensary has been postponed till qualified medical men become available.

Co-operative Inspectors.

448. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and names of Co-operative Inspectors who worked as liquidators in the year 1121;

(*b*) the total amount realised by the department as commission for the liquidation work; and

(*c*) the amount paid as commission to each of the Inspectors in charge of the liquidation work?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies)*:

(*a*) 8.

Names:—Messrs. 1. K Kunjukrishna Pillai,
2. R. Vasudevan Pillai.
3. P. K. Narayana Pillai.
4. S. Kulathu Iyer.
5. M. R. Madhava Kaimal.
6. M. K. Parameswaran Pillai.
7. S. Krishnan and
8. Sry. M. Devaki Amma.

(*b*) No commission is realised on liquidation.

(*c*) No commission is allowed to Liquidation Inspectors.

Co-operative Societies.

449. *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Co-operative Societies in the State at present:

(*b*) the number of Societies engaged in the distribution of food-stuffs at present; and

(*c*) the number of Societies engaged in the work of distribution before the issue of the present new ration cards?

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